WAVES is composed of representatives of post secondary educational institutions who assist students to receive their veterans educational benefits. These representatives will consist of institutions within the Muskogee VA Regional Office processing territory.

Reasons to Join:

- *Increase your expertise in processing veteran educational claims
- *Forum to facilitate the interchange of ideas and information
- *An opportunity to network with other professionals striving to constantly improve services to students
- *Current information on challenges and changes we will be facing together in the future
- *Every third year our annual conference will be in Oklahoma to provide premium access to the Muskogee VA Office staff & facilities

The purpose of WAVES:

Promote high professional standards, policies, and ethical practices among members; Serve the needs and interests of veterans, faculties, and administrators in the member institutions; Represent the mutual interests of the membership on matters coming before the membership; Provide a forum to facilitate the interchange of idea and information; Foster communication and cooperation between all concerned and interested institutions and agencies on matters affecting the education of veterans and other eligible person; Provide advisory liaison and coordinating services regarding education programs affecting in-service military personnel.

Membership Information:

Full Membership shall be limited to educational institutions of higher learning and those offering non-college degree programs engaged in the administration of veterans educational benefits within the geographic areas served by the Muskogee Regional Processing Office.

Authorized representative from institutions of higher learning and non-college degree schools shall be eligible for full membership.

Each designated institution or school having full membership in good standing shall be entitled to cast one vote.

Annual dues for membership shall be established by the Executive Board during the annual conference. (Set \$25.00 to run January 1 – December 31)

Full membership status in good standing shall be acknowledged when the dues are received and receipted by the Association treasurer.

Only certifying officials of members in good standing shall be entitled to hold office in the association.

Affiliate member status shall be granted to any organization, institution or agency, that publicly attests to sharing an interest in education matters related to the Veteran Educational Benefits programs. Affiliate member status shall be conferred on a fiscal year basis and is renewable annually. Affiliate members may not hold office, or vote.

To join us <u>please complete the form completely</u>, and <u>please return the form</u>{with fee(<u>check only</u>)} to:

Paula Barnes Oklahoma State University 322 Student Union Stillwater, OK 74078-1013 For Information:

Tel: 405-744-6868 Fax: 405-744-8426

E-Mail: pmb8858@okstate.edu

Western Association of Veteran Education Specialists <u>Membership Application:</u> (PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE PLEASE)

Name of Institution or Entity			
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Please complete the PRIMARY PERSON your Institution/Ent	N who will be		
Name			
Phone			
E-Mail			
Fax			
Name of Additional Repr	resentative (If an	y)	
Name of Additional Repr	resentative (If an	y)	
Check type of membersh each year per institution/		<u>left</u>) only one fee	
Full Membership (\$2 Affiliate Member (\$2 PLEASE make <u>CHECK</u>	25.00)	ĺ	
New Member	Mem	bership Renewal	
New Certifying Offic **PLEAS EFILL OUT REVERSE SIDE if you a	Γ INTEREST IN	VENTORY ON	

(PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE PLEASE)	
Name	
Institution	
E-Mail	
Phone Number	
Fax Willing to serve on a WAVES committee? Please indicate the ones you would be interested in serving on this coming year:	
ConferenceNominations & Elections	
GovernmentalFinance	
MembershipConstitution	
Newsletter	
Please indicate which areas are strengths for you in which you would be willing to share your talents wius:	
Computer Support/Technology	
Power Point expertise	
Web/internet expertise	
Financial Assistance expertise	
VA Cert (Win version) *******************Would you be willing to serve as a mentor for a new certifying official?	****
Are you a new certifying official who would be interested in having a mentor to help answer questions?	

Thank you for agreeing to be willing to assist WAVES

with various projects/committees:

Mark your calendars & plan to attend the Annual WAVES Conference

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Southern Hills Marriott

July 26th, 27th, 28th, 2000

For more information: Regularly visit the Muskogee VA Regional Office Web Site at: www.vamuskogee.net/edu
Coming soon! WAVES will have it's own Web site.



Western Association of Veteran Educational Specialists

We invite you to
join us in
building positive
bridges toward
the future
for our students
using VA
Educational
Benefits